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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE ACCESS TO NATO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

FOR THE AMBASSADOR

REF: A) USNATO 4823 DTG 051214Z SEP 75; B)USNATO 4812

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1. IN PRINCIPLE, WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT NATO DOCUMENTS SECRET AND ABOVE SHOULD NOT BE MADE AVAILABLE TO PORTUGAL. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF FLUID AND UNCERTAIN SITUATION IN PORTUGAL, WE WOULD WISH TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH OTHERS BEFORE ANY FINAL DECISIONS ARE MADE ON FURTHER RESTRICTIONS ON PORTUGUESE ACCESS, AND WE ASSUME OTHER ALLIES WOULD FEEL LIKEWISE. THUS, WE BELIEVE NO DECISIONS ON FURTHER RESTRICTIONS ON PORTUGUESE ACCESS TO NATO SECRET

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CLASSIFIED INFORMATION SHOULD TAKE PLACE AT SEPTEMBER 8

MEETING, AND PENDING CLEARER UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IS  
TAKING PLACE IN PORTUGAL.

2. MEANWHILE, ALLIES AND NATO STAFF SHOULD CONTINUE  
RESTRICTIONS PRESENTLY IN EFFECT, INCLUDING DELAY BY NATO  
STAFF IN TRANSMITTING SENSITIVE INFORMATION TO PORTUGUESE.  
IN THIS CONNECTION, WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT MEMBER

NATIONS EXERCISE PRUDENCE IN SUBMISSION OF CLASSIFIED  
INFORMATION THAT COULD BECOME AVAILABLE TO PORTUGAL.  
FURTHER, WE RECOMMEND LUNS FOLLOW UP ON HIS IDEA (REF A)  
TO MAKE UNOFFICIAL DIVISION OF NATO MEETINGS INTO THOSE  
THAT ARE ROUTINE AND THOSE THAT ARE UNUSUALLY SENSITIVE,  
AND HANDLE LATTER EITHER ON INFORMAL BASIS WITHOUT  
PORTUGUESE PRESENT, OR WITH REPRESENTATION LIMITED ONLY  
TO PORTUGUESE PERMREP.

3. MISSION SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT WE CONTINUE TO VIEW  
SECURITY PROBLEM AS A SERIOUS ONE WHICH WILL NEED EARLY  
REVIEW WHEN SITUATION IS CLEARER SO THAT ALLIES CAN AGREE  
ON FURTHER MEASURES TO PROTECT NATO INFORMATION. SISCO

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